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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to child-staff ratios at registered child
2 development homes serving school-aged children under certain
3 circumstances.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES — CHILD CARE
2 CENTERS. The department of human services shall adopt rules
3 pursuant to chapter 17A to allow registered child development
4 homes providing care to school-aged children to exceed the
5 child-staff ratio for school-aged children when a school-aged
6 child's school starts late, is dismissed early, or is canceled
7 due to inclement weather or structural damage, provided the
8 child is currently enrolled at the registered child development
9 home and the registered child development home does not exceed
10 the child development home's licensed capacity.

EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill directs the department of human services to adopt
15 rules to provide registered child development homes serving
16 school-aged children to exceed the child-staff ratio for
17 school-aged children when a school-aged child's school starts
18 late, is dismissed early, or is canceled due to inclement
19 weather or structural damage, provided the child is currently
20 enrolled at the registered child development home and the
21 registered child development home does not exceed the child
22 development home's licensed capacity.